

RM-10870 All for dropping the code requirement for all classes of licenses.

Don't think limiting to commercial gear only is a good idea.

Amateurs have long advanced the radio art. How would it be enforced? How do you define commercial gear? Would the cables need to be commercial? What about the antenna? I understand the need to have an entry level license but this moves in the wrong direction. Most amateur use commercial gear but don't make this a requirement of the license.

If you must limit the power for the first license class let's put it at 400 watts for all frequencies.

In reality why not just have two licenses. 1st and 2nd class! Then people can get endorsements from radio organizations for demonstrated proficiency in various areas of the radio art. Antenna Modeling, code proficiency, equipment construction, emergency communications..... These endorsements would not have an effect on what license they have or operating privileges.